Cohort YG 98 - Functional Area Designation - Fact Sheet

Questions. Go to https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/opfamdd/fad.htm if you need more information about FAD. If you cannot access the AKO Preference Site, contact the AKO Help Desk. For information about Functional Areas go to https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/opfamdd/default.htm

Eligibility. All officers with a date of rank to Captain from 1 Apr 01 through 31 Mar 02 will be considered by this board.

Preference Statement. The online preference statement will allow each officer the opportunity to relay to the President of the Board any relevant training and experience that might help the board in making its functional area designations. This is your opportunity to vote, so please submit a preference. All officers (other than those requesting Basic Branch as a first preference) will receive a functional area. **If you do not submit a preference you will be designated based on the needs of the Army.**

Army Requirements. FAD requirements are determined by year group. The requirements determine how many officers are needed in each functional area, from each branch. These requirements are determined by Career Management Division, Officer Personnel Management Directorate, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command.

Board Execution. The Board uses preferences, requirements, officer experience and potential to determine qualified officers. Education and other demonstrated expertise have a bearing on the board's decision process. However, officer preference is the most highly weighted criterion in functional area designation. The board will then combine its assessment of the officer's file with Army requirements to make its designations.

Functional Areas Available to Cohort YG 98.
*BR	Current Branch
24	Information Systems Engineering
30	Information Operations
34	Strategic Intelligence
39	PSYOP and Civil Affairs
40	Space Operations
43	Human Resource Management
45	Comptroller
46	Public Affairs
48	Foreign Area Officer
49	Operations Research/System Analysis
50	Force Management
51	Army Acquisition Corps
52	Nuclear Research and Operations
53	Information Systems Management
57	Simulation Operations
59	Strategic Plans and Policy
**90	Multifunctional Logistics

* Unlike previous designations, officers in Cohort YG98 have the option to select Basic Branch as a FAD preference (1st preference only). This selection indicates a desire to remain in your basic branch and not work in a Functional Area. Officers who choose BR will not receive a FAD designation and will have to request a designation if, at a later time, they desire to work in a Functional Area.

** Only officers in OD, TC, QM, and AV (15D) may select FA90.